

A Parents' Guide to Higher Education



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Going to university can be a life changing moment for young people & can have a great impact on their families.

This factsheet gives you some advice to help your son or daughter through the process.

It is important that your son or daughter does lots of research to ensure they apply for courses that are right for them. This will give them the best chance at successfully securing a place at University.

There are lots of courses and institutions to choose from. Make sure your son or daughter explores them all, by looking at the UCAS and University websites.

Does your son or daughter want a degree that allows them to work for a year between 2nd and final year of University? Placement years are a great way of gaining experience and enhancing their CV.

- Develop your skills and get paid (£10-£15k)
- Gain valuable experience of work at home or abroad



When?	What?
Y12	Research, HE Fairs, Open Days
Sep Y13	Apply for course
October	Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science
Oct to Jan	School/College deadline; UCAS deadline
Open ended	Interviews and offers
Feb to June	Apply for financial support; UCAS Extra
August	Results
August	Clearing
Sep/Oct	Enrol at university

Home or Away?

Another big factor to consider is whether your son or daughter will commute to University and stay at home, or move away. Some things to consider/research are:

How much is an average week in this town/city going to cost?	Will your son or daughter need extra support? What support do the University offer?	Does the University offer the course your son or daughter want? Read through the modules as they differ at all Universities	Make sure to look at the Students Union to see what social opportunities are available, what clubs and societies are on offer?	What are the academic facilities like? Go to an open day (where possible) and have a tour of the campus
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Next Steps...

For parents:

- Visit Open Days/Applicant Visit days for support
- Help to set up insurance/mobile phone contracts/TV license
- Check accommodation contracts
- Help with course/accommodation equipment i.e. books/bedding/cutlery etc.
- Be prepared for home sickness!

Where to find out more and get help

www.hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/parents-and-carers/

